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In re Application of
William J. Louis et al
Serial No.: 09/530,807
Filed: May 5, 2000
Attorney Docket No.: 3573

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: PETITION DECISION TO RESTART
: PERIOD FOR REPLY
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This is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR § 1.181, filed April 3, 2002, requesting restarting of the period for reply.

A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed a non-final Office action to applicants on December 31, 2001, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants state that they did not receive the Office action until April 1, 2002, more than one month after the mail date thereof, and provide copies of the receipt date-stamped first page of the Office action as evidence thereof. Applicants' statement and evidence are acceptable and the period for reply will be adjusted accordingly.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The period for reply to the Office action mailed December 31, 2001, is hereby restarted as of applicants' date of receipt, April 1, 2002. The time period for reply remains as set therein.

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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